RESOURCES FOR MISSING CHILD CASES



The **National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC)** is a private, nonprofit organization, that is congressionally authorized to perform 15 specific duties related to missing and exploited children. It was created to **help find missing children, reduce child sexual exploitation,** and **prevent child victimization**. NCMEC is the nation's largest and most influential child protection organization. NCMEC leads the fight to protect children, creating vital resources for them and the people who keep them safe. Every child deserves a safe childhood.

HOW TO REPORT TO NCMEC:

To report a missing child to NCMEC, call our 24-hour hotline **1-800-843-5678**

Scan to view NCMEC resource guides.

HOW NCMEC CAN HELP:

After a case is reported to NCMEC, a **Case Manager** is assigned. As the primary point of contact, the Case Manager helps manage communication between all involved parties and works across multiple NCMEC divisions to coordinate the application of specialized resources to help locate the child.

Role of the NCMEC Case Manager:

- Maintains continued contact with parents, legal guardians, and law enforcement to obtain updated information about the child, possible companion, or suspect, to further assess risk and ongoing case needs.
- Acts as a resource providing assistance to parents and legal guardians to help them navigate through the reporting process with law enforcement and legal process with the court.
- Allocates resources, including poster distribution and analytical searches. An active case with law enforcement, and verification of the custody situation, is needed for poster creation.
- Helps connect families with mental health services along with emotional and peer support.
- Facilitates collaboration between various local, state, and federal agencies. For international cases, NCMEC Case Managers work closely with the Office of Children's Issues, a part of the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs.
- Deploys NCMEC's Team Adam consultants, retired law enforcement professionals who can provide rapid, onsite assistance to law enforcement during critical cases involving missing children.
- Coordinates access to recovery planning and travel assistance to recover a child if needed.
- Develops recommended investigative strategies for long-term cases, creating individualized roadmaps and convenes outside subject matter specialists.

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Team Adam Deployment

- Search and rescue management
- Investigative recommendations and strategies
- Equipment and resources
- Technical assistance on long-term missing child cases

Team Adam consultants bring immediate access to additional resources including:

- Vehicle forensics
- Air Force Rescue Coordination Center
- Civil Air Patrol

Analytical Support

- Produce timelines of an abductor's current and historical places of residence, employment, vehicles, and travel using public records databases, NCIC/Nlets, social networking activity, and other open source data combined with information from NCMEC's internal systems.
- Compile and analyze data regarding incidents of attempted abductions within a selected geographical radius for critical missing child cases.
- Search for links to missing child cases reported to NCMEC.

Poster Creation, Distribution, and Retargeting

- Poster distribution through traditional media outlets and social media platforms
- Targeting of specific geographic areas using NCMEC's 200+ nationwide photo distribution partners
- Media strategies for law enforcement and families
- Highlight anniversaries of long-term missing children

Age-Progressions

NCMEC's artists create **age-progression images** of children as they mature so the public has a more accurate representation of what that child may look like now.



Forensic Services

NCMEC can facilitate the collection of biometric data, including **DNA**, **dentals**, and **fingerprints** for missing and unidentified children cases.

Forensic lab partners specialize in:

- DNA case work
- Pollen analysis
- Chemical isotope analysis
- Fingerprint testing

Pre-Recovery and Post-Recovery Support

- Crisis intervention
- Emotional support
- Referrals to appropriate community agencies and mental health professionals
- Attorney referrals
- Peer connection
- Reunification assistance



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